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MELTON & BELVOIR RURAL DISTRICT
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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the Year 1943

VITAL STATISTICS

	<u>Rate for District</u>	<u>Rate for England & Wales</u>
Birth Rate	10.8	16.5
Death Rate	13.1	12.1
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births	44.2	49.0

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GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

1. (1) Public Health Officers of the Authority

J. Young, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., (Camb)

Medical Officer of Health for the Leicestershire & Rutland Combined District in which this District is included.

L. Hesford - Sanitary Inspector

Certificate of Royal Sanitary Institute, Sanitary Inspectors' Examination Joint Board, Meat Inspector, Smoke Inspector.

W. P. Elliott - Additional Sanitary Inspector

Certificate of Royal Sanitary Institute, Sanitary Inspectors' Examination Joint Board.

A. L. Sleath - Assistant Sanitary Inspector

(ii) Laboratory Facilities

The following examinations were carried out during the year in the County Laboratory, Leicester:-

Milk examinations (bacteriological)	157
Swabs for Diphtheria	87
Sputa for T.B.	49
Sewage and water analyses	42
Blood for Wassermann Test	5
Widal Test for Typhoid Fever	-
Urine (general and bacteriological)	5
Urine for T.B.	4
Films for Gonococci	3
Miscellaneous	1

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SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

1. (1) WATER

Number of samples taken for analysis:-

(a)	from wells	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
(b)	from pipe supply	...	...	...	...	...	...	-

Results of samples taken:-

From wells	...	...	...	...	Satisfactory	4
					Unsatisfactory	16

Number of wells:-

(a)	closed	...	...	...	...	...	...	-
(b)	cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	...	8

Number of cases in which piped supply was substituted for well water	Nil
Number of Parishes without a piped water supply	22
Number of Parishes with piped water supply:-	
(a) from public mains	8
(b) from private reservoirs.. ...	4

The quality of some of the existing supplies from wells is doubtful and sampling of some of the public wells has been carried out.

Shortage of water from piped supplies was experienced but steps were taken to augment the supplies.

(ii) DRAINAGE & SEWERAGE

Number of cesspools in the District at end of 1943	539
Number of cesspools abolished during the year	nil
Number of cesspools constructed during the year.. ...	nil

Extensions to Nether Broughton Sewage Works were completed.

2.(i) CLOSET ACCOMMODAT ION

Total number in District at end of 1943:-

(1) Privies	807
(2) Pail Closets	3,264
(3) Water Closets... ..	1,261

(iii) PUBLIC CLEANSING

Fortnightly collections of household refuse are carried out by the Council's Scavengers in all villages, the refuse being taken to tips and covered up. Fortnightly collections of night soil are carried out by the Council's Scavengers in 90% of the villages, the nightsoil being taken to arable land to be ploughed in.

(iii) SALVAGE

Salvage is collected by the Council's Scavengers once each fortnight and special collections are made on application. Salvage material consists of tins, bones, rags, glass, iron, brass, aluminium, paper and cardboard of all kinds. Also string, rubber and waste pig food.

(iv) SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The particulars given under this Heading are for all purposes including particulars given elsewhere in this Report.

Total number of complaints received	176
Total number of defects or nuisances discovered	681

	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Re-visits</u>
Dwelling Houses (all purposes)	717	290
Tents, Vans, etc.	10	4
Food premises	102	21
Dairies and cowsheds... ..	986	114
Offensive trades.	-	-
Animal keeping... ..	1	3
Workshops, etc... ..	82	15
Shops... ..	12	4
Other premises... ..	81	22
	<u>1,991</u>	<u>473</u>

In addition to the above-mentioned inspections, 981 inspections were made in connection with pail conversions, sewers and sewage works, refuse collection and disposal and salvage work.

NOTICES

<u>Preliminary</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Other</u>
Outstanding on 1st. January	47	68
Issued during the year	193	264
Complied with during year	161	257
Statutory action necessary	-	4
Outstanding 31st. December	79	75

<u>Statutory</u>		
Outstanding 1st. January	-	-
Issued during the year	-	4
Complied with during year	-	4
Outstanding 31st. December	-	-

(v) SHOPS

Action taken during the year under the provisions of the Shops Act, 1934.

	<u>Outstanding from previous year</u>	<u>Defects found</u>	<u>Defects remedied</u>	<u>Outstanding 31st. Dec.</u>
Sanitary				
Conveniences	-	2	2	-
Temperature	-	-	-	-
Ventilation	-	-	-	-

(vi) REGULATED BUILDINGS

Common Lodging Houses
the area.

There are no Common Lodging Houses in

Tents, Vans, Sheds, etc.
10 inspections were made.

There is one Van in the District and
General conditions are satisfactory.

(vii) SCHOOLS

The sanitary conditions were quite satisfactory. The water supply is mostly from pumps. Six Schools are piped from the Council's mains.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

(a) MILK SUPPLY

	<u>Cowkeepers</u>	<u>Dairymen or Purveyors of Milk other than Cowkeepers</u>
Number on the Register	795	294
Number of inspections of premises ...	752	234
Number of contraventions outstanding from previous year	39	27
Number of contraventions found during the year	278	61
Number of contraventions remedied during the year... ..	273	52
Number of contraventions outstanding 31st. December	44	36

Total Contraventions

	<u>Outstanding from previous year</u>	<u>Found during the year</u>	<u>Redeemed during the year</u>	<u>Outstanding 31st. Dec.</u>
Cleansing	16	235	221	30
Structural alterations	46	39	43	42
Utensils	-	51	51	-
Other	4	14	10	8

68 samples of milk were taken for bacteriological examination, 66 being satisfactory and 2 unsatisfactory.

THE MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) ORDER, 1936 and 1938

Two supplementary licenses have been issued in respect of pasteurised Milk.

(b) MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Private Slaughter Houses:-

Number of Knacker Yards in the District ...	...	...	2
Number of visits to Knacker Yards	14

Meat Shops, Meat Stores, etc:-

Number of inspections	54
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Places where food (other than meat) is kept or prepared for sale:-

Number of inspections	46
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H O U S I N G

1. INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

- (1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for Housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts 212
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 395
- (2) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above which were inspected and recorded under Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932 -
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose -
- (3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation 1
- (4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation... .. 193

2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICE.

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	137
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3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR

Number of dwelling houses in respect of which demolition Orders were made	1
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HOUSING ACTn 1936 - PART IV - OVERCROWDING

() (1)	Number of dwelling houses overcrowded at the and of the year	34
(ii)	Number of families dwelling therein	42
(iii)	Number of persons dwelling therein	222
(b)	Number of cases of overcrowding reported during the year	1
(c)	Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	= Not known

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND
OTHER DISEASES

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the Year
1943:-

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Total Cases notified</u>	<u>Cases admitted to Hospital</u>	<u>Total Deaths</u>
Scarlet Fever	38	32	-
Whooping Cough	118	3	1
Diphtheria	3	3	-
Erysipelas	6	-	-
Measles	285	-	1
Pneumonia	12	-	9
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	1	1
Dysentery	7	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	1	-	-

AGE GROUP

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Under one</u>	<u>1-2</u>	<u>2-3</u>	<u>3-4</u>	<u>4-5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>65</u> & <u>over</u>
						10	15	20	35	45	65	
Scarlet Fever	1	1	-	3	2	18	7	-	4	2	-	-
Whooping Cough	17	10	16	16	21	33	4	1	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	1	-	-	-	4	-	-	1	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	1
Measles	11	10	23	19	27	132	44	9	9	1	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	4	3	3	3
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	1	1	1	1	-

TUBERCULOSIS

<u>Age Groups</u>	<u>New Cases</u>				<u>Deaths</u>			
	<u>Pulmonary M</u>	<u>Pulmonary F</u>	<u>Non-pulmonary M</u>	<u>Non-pulmonary F</u>	<u>Pulmonary M</u>	<u>Pulmonary F</u>	<u>Non-pulmonary M</u>	<u>Non-pulmonary F</u>
Under 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 -15	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
15 -25	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 -35	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	-
35- 45	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
45 -55	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
55 -65	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
65 & over	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-

MELTON & BELVOIR RURAL DISTRICT

Existing Water Supplies

The Parishes of Ab Kettleby, Asfordby, Broughton and Dalby, Clawson and Harby, Stathern, Waltham (Thorpe Arnold Ward), Eaton (Eastwell Ward) Somerby (part), Burton and Dalby (Burton Ward) are supplied from the Council's mains.

Stand pipes are not provided, the services being taken on to the consumers premises.

It was necessary to curtail the supply during 1943 owing partly to the dry season and partly to Service calls.

There is no indication of any tendency to plumbosolvency.

The Parishes of Belvoir, Buckminster (Buckminster Ward) Grimston (Saxelby Ward) Knossington (Cold Overton Ward) Sproxton (Sproxton and Saltby Wards) are supplied by private piped supplies of limited quantity.

The rest of the District is supplied from public and private wells. The majority of the wells are "shallow wells" of doubtful quality, and in many cases insufficient in quantity during dry periods. Shortages have been experienced particularly in the Parishes of Wymondham and Hoby.

